FISCAL NOTE

SB 1543 - HB 1311

March 21, 2005

SUMMARY OF BILL: Redefines intellectual property under the offense of use of a counterfeit mark or logo to include a recording; lowers the number of items in possession which trigger inference of a violation from 25 to 10; and removes the fine-only provision and offense will be punished as theft.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$15,900/Incarceration*

Assumption:

• 3 additional Class E felony convictions for theft.

*Section 9-6-119, TCA, requires that: For any law enacted after July 1, 1986, which results in a net increase in periods of imprisonment in state facilities, there shall be appropriated from recurring revenues the estimated operating cost of such law.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

James W. White, Executive Director